

U.S. (Uncle Santa) Remembers Cities, Too

Berrien Getting Quick \$1.1 Million!

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Berrien county government will get a Thanksgiving-Christmas gift all rolled into one in the form of a \$1.1 million federal revenue sharing grant before 1972 ends.

To be spent on things over and above regular budgeted expenditures, \$1.1 million will come from a \$5.2 billion appropriation the federal government will send directly to counties, cities and townships all across the nation under the Federal Revenue Sharing act signed into law this fall.

Cities in Berrien county are scheduled to receive a total of about \$1 million from the same source, according to County Coordinator Roger Petrie. He said he has learned Benton Harbor will get \$398,000 in 1972 yet, St. Joseph \$242,000, Niles

\$192,000, Buchanan \$60,000, New Buffalo \$18,000, and all the other cities in the county will split up the sum of \$141,966. Petrie said townships also will get shares, but said he has

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no information on the sums any townships will get. Ernest Chase, finance chairman of the Berrien county board of commissioners, said federal sources have informed the county it will receive the windfall in two installments,

\$550,000 before the end of November and the other \$550,000 in December.

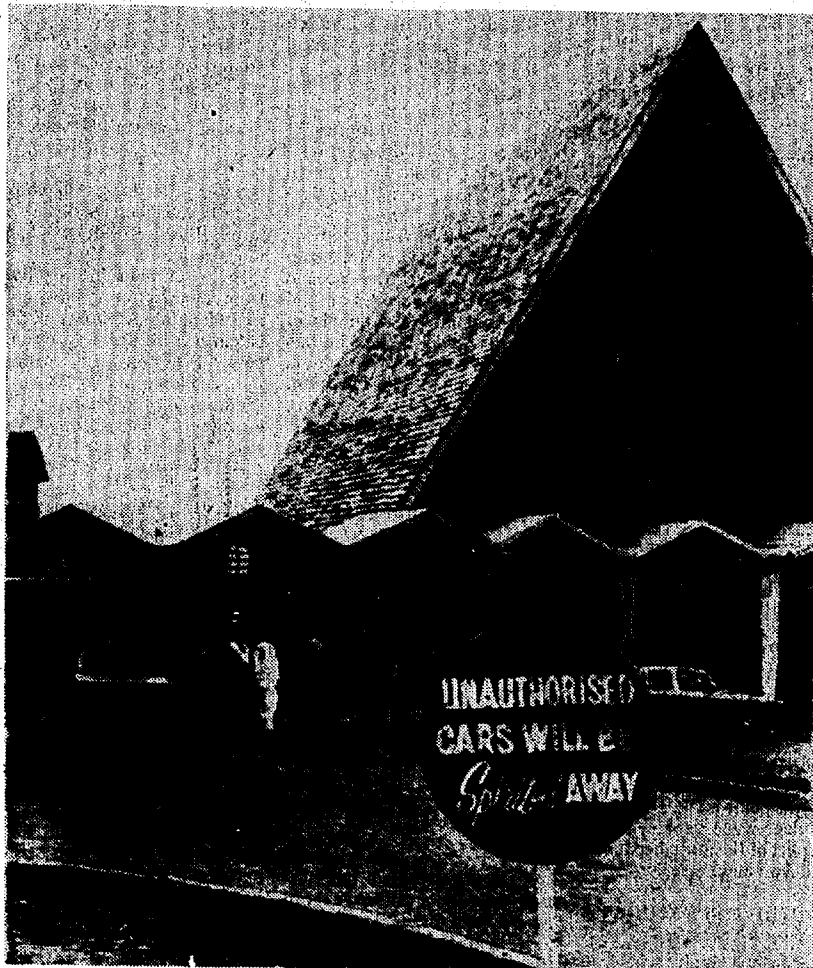
Chase said there are very few strings attached to how the county can use the money. He added the grant here and to local units of government all across the county come under the revenue sharing program first enunciated some two years ago by President Nixon to try to reverse the flow of governmental power back to local levels.

Otto Grau, administration committee chairman, first revealed the sum Berrien is to get while the county commissioners were inspecting the Fidelity Insurance Co. building in Benton Harbor. The board is considering possible purchase of the building to house the county health department and its various programs. While on the tour, the

commissioners also visited the new county road commission headquarters on Napier and Yore avenues in Benton township.

Chase and Grau indicated the new revenue sharing grant could be used to pay for the now-vacant building of the for-

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DIVINE SIGN: Irreverent parkers at the Linden Trinity Methodist Church in Johannesburg, South Africa have to answer to more than traffic policemen. They face action from a higher authority: the divine car remover. (AP Wirephoto)

Disaster Plea Lists Berrien

Milliken Seeking U.S. Aid To Repair Storm Damage

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — President Nixon has been asked by Gov. William Milliken to declare nine Michigan counties as national disaster areas in a drive to get the federal government to pay an estimated \$2.4 million in damage to public

property from last week's storm.

Milliken late Monday asked the president to certify the counties of Arenac, Bay, Berrien, Iosco, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Tuscola and Wayne as disaster areas.

This would qualify them for federal reimbursement only for public property, which includes such things as roads and sewage plants.

If the President goes along with the request, the federal Office of Emergency Preparedness will evaluate the damage in the various counties and reimburse those local governments for losses, the governor's office said.

Meanwhile, Milliken said there was an estimated \$7.9 million in private property damage because of storm-driven waters from various lakes,

including Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair.

The high winds caused flooding on shoreline areas.

Last week, the governor designated seven Michigan counties as state disaster areas, which provided state assistance for damage to public property. The declaration also served as a basis for federal agencies to provide relief to individuals.

Also last Friday, the federal Small Business Administration declared persons in nine counties as eligible for low interest loans and grants because of the flooding.

The seven counties Milliken declared a state disaster area Friday were Bay, Macomb, Monroe, Saginaw, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Wayne.

The governor's office said Monday's request to Nixon did not include Saginaw County because there was not enough public property damage to qualify for federal aid. It also said that new information showed there was considerable damage in Arenac, Berrien and Iosco counties.

The nine counties which the Small Business Administration designated as disaster areas last week were Monroe, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair, Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Bay and Arenac.

Milliken wrote the President that widespread flooding and extensive damage to shoreline communities was caused by a "phenomenal combination of high water levels in the Great Lakes and northeast winds of gale velocity beginning Nov. 15."

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Kissinger, Tho Smiling, But Mum

Peace Talks Continuing

PARIS (AP) — Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho scheduled another meeting this afternoon after talking for more than five hours Monday about the Vietnam cease-fire agreement they are still trying to nail down.

Both men emerged smiling from their first meeting, waved to newsmen, but refused to

comment. They met in a suburban villa 15 miles southwest of Paris.

Kissinger conferred with Pham-Dang Lam, the head of the Saigon delegation to the Paris peace talks, Monday night. A spokesman for Hanoi said similar close contact was being maintained between Tho and the Viet Cong's representa-

tives in Paris.

Kissinger, President Nixon's chief foreign policy adviser, and Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo, reached general agreement in secret negotiations last month on the draft of a cease-fire agreement, but President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam has refused so far to go along.

Thieu's chief objection is that the draft does not require withdrawal of all North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam. He also contends that the council of Communist, Thieu and neutralist representatives that would be set up to supervise national elections in South Vietnam would in fact be the

coalition regime which Thieu has said repeatedly he would not agree to.

Presumably these and other demands by Thieu are what Kissinger and Tho are arguing about.

Although Kissinger met for five days with Thieu after his negotiations in October with Tho, and Kissinger's deputy, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., spent two more days in Saigon 10 days ago, a South Vietnamese official there said Thieu now has asked President Nixon to receive a special envoy who would further outline Thieu's objections to the cease-fire draft.

The official said Thieu felt his position had not been clarified

sufficiently despite his recent meetings with Kissinger and Haig.

In New York, Secretary of State William P. Rogers met with Foreign Secretary Mitchell Sharp of Canada to discuss the four-nation group proposed to supervise cease-fire. Canada, Indonesia, Poland and Hungary have been identified as the countries that will serve on the force.

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Michigan, Ohio State Presidents Call For Truce By Football Fans

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The presidents of Ohio State and Michigan, which meet for the Big Ten football title here Saturday, asked their fans Monday to control their emotions after the important contest.

Harold L. Enarson, the new president of Ohio State, joined with Michigan President Robben W. Fleming in the joint announcement.

Michigan already has assured itself of a co-championship with a 7-0 conference record. Ohio State, 6-1 in the league can share the title with a victory over the Wolverines.

Also at stake is a trip to the Rose Bowl against top-

ranked Southern California.

"We hope that all our fans . . . will be good sports in either victory or defeat and that we will be as proud of them as we are of our respective teams," the presidents said.

"If the emotions which the game will generate get out of hand afterwards, all of us suffer," Enarson and Fleming said.

The presidents asked their followers "to demonstrate by your post-game behavior that we may be great rivals, but we are also great friends and that we intend to remain so."

Israel, Syria Duel Across Truce Line

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli and Syrian planes and artillery battled across the Golan Heights cease-fire line today. Israel reported its planes shot down two Syrian MIG-21 jets and denied Syria's report that its forces brought down an Israeli plane.

The Israeli command said the two Syrian planes were downed in a dogfight over southern Syria.

It was the second major Israeli-Syrian battle in less than two weeks.

The Israeli command said its planes crossed the frontier twice to bomb and strafe Syrian army and guerrilla bases. Syria retaliated by shelling Israeli positions on the Heights, and the Israelis said their planes made a third raid that hit artillery emplacements and a radar station in the Nuaymah sector of south Syria.

Damascus Radio, quoting a Syrian military spokesman, said fighting was continuing "all along the Golan Heights cease-fire line."

The Syrians claimed direct hits in the areas of Al Mansour and Jibeen.

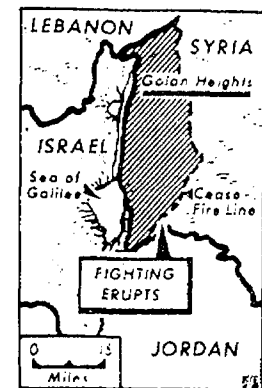
The Israeli planes scored direct hits on the bases they attacked, and the Syrians did not return their fire, the Israeli radio said. It reported all planes returned safely.

The Syrian radio said one soldier at a forward military position was wounded in the air

raids. An Israeli spokesman said the raids resulted from "intensified terrorist activity" in the Golan Heights the past few days.

The planes hit an army base just before 9 a.m. and returned 30 minutes later to strike at three guerrilla enclaves in the southern sector of the heights, the Israeli military said. A

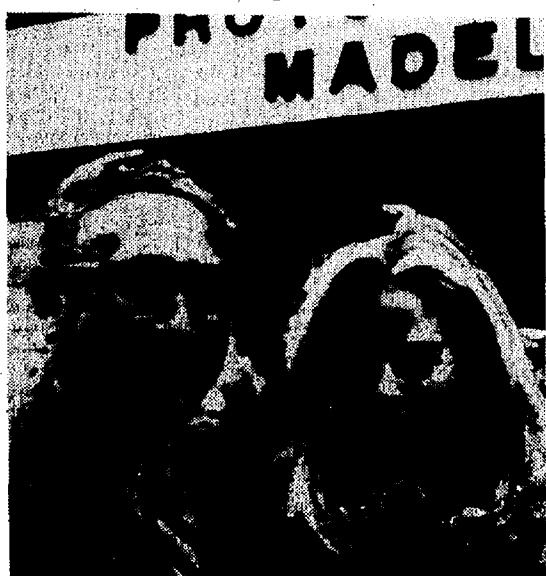
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WHERE BORDER FIGHTING ERUPTS

The Hong Kong tailors -- 2 double knit suits \$108. Call or visit Mak Wan, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. Adv.

20 percent off regular price. Terry's Coat Sale, Fairplain Plaza. Adv.



LUNCH COMPANION: Henry Kissinger, U.S. presidential adviser, had lunch today at the Parisian restaurant "Tante Louise." He's pictured here coming out of restaurant with an unidentified girl. (AP Wirephoto)

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 1 mo. - \$39; 11 mo. - \$37.50; 10 mo. - \$34.50; 9 mo. -
 \$32.50; 8 mo. - \$28.50; 7 mo. - \$25.50; 6 mo. - \$22.50
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 1 mo. - \$5; 1 wk. - \$1.25.
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 9 mo. - \$36.80; 8 mo. - \$34.80; 7 mo. - \$31.40; 6 mo. - \$28.40;
 5 mo. - \$25.40; 4 mo. - \$20.75; 3 mo. - \$17; 2 mo. - \$12.50;
 1 mo. - \$6.50; 1 wk. - \$1.65.



SJ Teacher's Suspension Continued



BOARD LISTENS: St. Joseph board of education listens as Atty. George S. Keller says his client, a school teacher, will demand a public hearing on charges which led to suspension from teaching. Board members from left are Arthur Franzen and Dr. Dean Ray, president; and Supt. Richard Ziehmer.

Ziehmer Has New Charges

Board Acts After Court Dismissed Morals Accusation

St. Joseph board of education voted last night to continue the suspension of Ralph Siewert, 47, an elementary teacher for whom a criminal morals charge was dismissed in court last week.

The board announced that other charges signed by Supt. Richard Ziehmer were placed before the board last night while it met in executive session for nearly an hour.

The additional charges were not specified, but Ziehmer said they came to his attention after the criminal charge was filed against Siewert.

Decision of the board was announced to a crowd of some 120 persons in the cafeteria at senior high. Siewert was not present because of the illness of his mother in the hospital, according to his counsel, Atty. George S. Keller.

Keller said Siewert will demand a full public hearing on the additional charges. He called the board's action "ill-advised" and described Siewert as "one of the best teachers in the system" who in 21 years has gained the respect of teachers and parents.

Keller represented Siewert in the court proceedings in which a charge of taking indecent liberties with a 15-year-old boy was dismissed.

Under the state tenure act, Siewert can request a public or private hearing and the board must render a decision within 15 days after the hearing.

Results of the hearing could be reinstatement or discharge. A decision of the local board can be appealed to the State Tenure commission.

Siewert was suspended last night by the board with pay. This continues administrative action of Oct. 20. The law provides that the suspension can continue until a final decision is reached by the local board.

Particulars of the charges pressed by Ziehmer will be presented to Siewert. A tenure act hearing would be held within 30 to 45 days.

Last night's board action was by voice vote without dissent on a motion made by Arthur Franzen and seconded by James Mason.

There was no outcry after the board vote but Keller asked if there was going to be public comment and was informed that the special board meeting did not constitute a hearing. Many teachers were in the audience and several said privately they were stunned by the action.

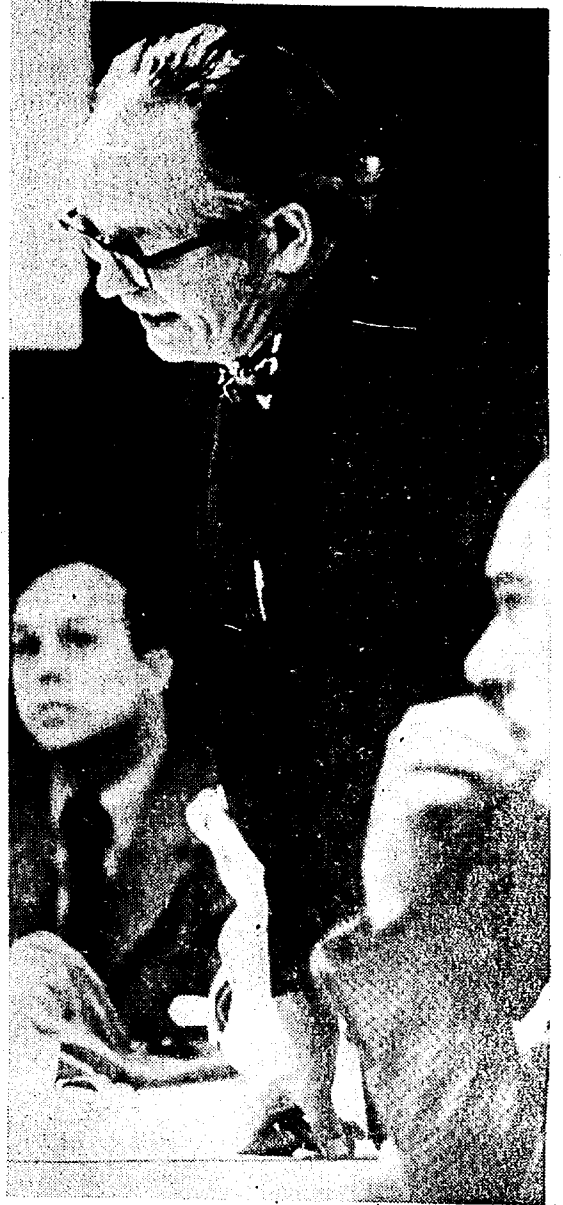
A charge of taking indecent liberties with a 15-year-old boy, against Siewert was dismissed by Fifth District Judge Harry Laity after preliminary examination.

The judge questioned the credibility of the complaining witness, the 15-year-old boy. Judge Laity described the boy as "...lonely, with no close friends of his own." To get attention, he told "tall tales."

Judge Laity noted discrepancies in the boy's account of the alleged incident. Siewert, a sixth grade teacher at Jefferson elementary school, was arrested Oct. 10. Ziehmer said at that time he requested and was granted a leave of absence without pay.

On Oct. 20, he requested reinstatement to teaching. He was informed by the administration that he was being placed under suspension with pay. The criminal charge against him was dismissed Nov. 14. The board of education announced Nov. 17 a special meeting would be held on Siewert's status.

Siewert, 1820 Briar Cliff drive, St. Joseph, is the father of three children and a board member of Trinity Lutheran school, St. Joseph.



...AS ATTORNEY TALKS: Atty. George S. Keller, tells St. Joseph board of education that suspension of teacher Ralph Siewert is "ill-advised." (Staff photos)

Lakeshore Title To Barbara Bell

New Junior Miss Wins Judges Award, Arts Crown

BY BARBARA MAPES
Women's Staff Writer

Triple honors went to Barbara Bell last night when she was crowned Lakeshore Junior Miss 1973 from a field of 17 contestants.

In addition to the crown and \$500 scholarship, Miss Bell won in the creative arts division with her reading of the piece "The Carrot Seed" and the

judges conference award.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Bell, 5402 Notre Dame avenue, Stevensville, Miss Bell is a senior at Lakeshore high school. She plans to attend Purdue university or the University of Michigan to study for a career in teaching preschool children with learning disabilities.

The ninth annual Lakeshore

Junior Miss pageant was sponsored by the Lakeshore Jaycees and was held at the Lakeshore high school auditorium.

Other top scholarship winners were Sabrina Spinelli and Terry Sprague. Miss Spinelli won a \$250 scholarship as first runner-up and also the award in the youth fitness division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spinelli, 8459 Cleveland avenue, Baroda. As second runner-up, Miss Sprague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sprague, 4150 Ridge road, Stevensville, won a \$100 scholarship. She also received the trophy for the poise and appearance division.

Jean Sacha won in the performing arts division for her interpretation of the song "Il Bacio."

The Mary Alice Gerhart award went to Nancy Adams and Bonnie Benson won the scholastic achievement award. Miss Bell was crowned by the 1972 Lakeshore Junior Miss, Rhonda Altie.

Miss Bell is a national merit semifinalist. She is a Candy Stripper, member of St. Paul's Episcopal church youth group, YWCA Ski club and a youth representative to the Berrien County Council of Churches. Her hobbies include sailing, skiing, bicycle riding, reading and cooking.

Gerald Wahl was master of ceremonies.

Judges for the pageant were Dennis Bowen, director of choral activities at St. Joseph high school; Jack Wilson, personnel director at Bendix corporation, Hydraulics division; Mrs. John Porritt, active with the Y-Teens; Mrs. Leo Isaac, president of South-west Michigan Scholarship pageant; Mrs. Charles Rollinger, member of the juvenile court advisory council; Miss Sherry Gregory, teen consultant; and Mrs. Dorothy Hilderbrand, student counselor at Lakeshore high school.

Instructors included Mrs. Connie Cassidy, youth fitness routine, and Mrs. Donald Morrison, poise and appearance segment.

Richard Fanson was Jaycee chairman and Mrs. Richard Fanson was Jaycee auxiliary chairman.



JUNIOR MISS: Miss Barbara Bell was crowned 1973 Lakeshore Junior Miss last night from among 17 other girls. In addition to a \$500 scholarship, Miss Bell also won awards in the creative arts and judges conferences divisions.



RUNNERS-UP: Miss Sabrina Spinelli, left, and Miss Terry Sprague were first and second runners-up in the Lakeshore Junior Miss pageant. Miss Spinelli won a \$250 scholarship and Miss Sprague a \$100 scholarship. (Staff photos)

United Fund Drive Passes \$500,000

United Community Fund yesterday passed the 500,000 mark, but a major challenge remains for the UCF campaign team.

An unofficial tally taken at the UCF office shows that the drive now has \$507,569 in pledges, far short of the \$664,880 "community needs" figure that United Fund volunteers have been seeking to attain.

Roy Shoemaker, UCF campaign chairman, said that the next 10 days will be crucial for the United Fund appeal as it seeks to meet the 1973 operating needs of its 45 services.

"We're pleased to finally reach the half-million mark, and we see a great amount of potential money remaining," Shoemaker noted. "However, many of our givers still have not been contacted and there's a lot of work left."

Shoemaker emphasized that many pledges reported thus far show substantial increases over last year but that loose ends must be tied up in nearly all UCF campaign sections. He has called for an all-out effort by UCF volunteers to conclude their work by Nov. 30.

"If we haven't made major progress by the end of the month, we may seek added assistance," Shoemaker said. "It's possible that we may ask some of our volunteers who have completed their work to take on new responsibilities."

The Office of Handicapped Camping, a United Fund service, yesterday became the 20th winner of the Fair Share Giving Award. At the same time, the employees of Shepherd Casters, Inc., and Inter-City Bank won the Good Neighbor Award for outstanding increases in giving.

Chicken Census

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A chicken census as well as a head count of cattle, hogs and sheep will start in Michigan this week, says the Michigan Crop Reporting Service. The service said the survey is nation-wide in extent. A sampling of farmers will be mailed questionnaires and others will be visited by trained interviewers.

Transfer Case Decision Is Months Away E. North Shore, S. Eaman Present Appeal

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

LANSING — A decision at the state level on a proposed transfer of the East North Shore-South Eaman area from the Benton Harbor to Coloma school district will undoubtedly be several months away.

Following a public hearing here Monday before Raymond L. Godmer, state education department hearing officer, Godmer said a decision by the State Board of Education would be "months away."

The area in question is the fifth of six areas to seek transfer from the Benton Harbor district.

The Eaman area won transfer to Coloma, but three other areas in the Benton Harbor district were denied transfers out earlier this year. A transfer petition from the Millburg area has yet to go before a state hearing panel.

The East North Shore-South Eaman hearing lasted nearly six hours yesterday. Testimony was given by six witnesses including Charles Wade and Harold H. Martin, residents of the area in question who represented the petitioners; Raymond Sreboth, superintendent of the Benton Harbor Area Schools, and Dr. Wabba A. Sayegh, director of the school system's testing and assessment program who testified on behalf of the Benton Harbor Area Schools; Ronald Clark, Coloma administrative assistant, and James Walton, administrative assistant to the Berrien Intermediate School District.

Walton told Hearing Officer Godmer, that the intermediate district by a vote of 3 to 1 denied the property transfer request, with one member absent, and Clark said the Coloma school board has gone on record opposing any action which would result in the enlargement of that district.

The Benton Harbor Area Schools were represented by Counsel — Atty. Robert Small — at yesterday's hearing, while the petitioners were represented by Wade and Martin. Besides Wade and Martin, only four other persons from the area in question were present at yesterday's hearing, but did not testify.

The area seeking transfer is bounded by US-33 on the west, Zoschke road on the north, the Paw Paw river on the east, and on the south by a line drawn directly east from the intersection of US-33 and Golf road to the Paw Paw river.

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Decision Upholds Appeal Ruling In Watervliet Case

U.S. High Court Rejects Adventist's Suit

BY JOSEPH ALBRIGHT
Albright Communications
News Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme court Monday declined to hear the case of Newell Hammond who contended he lost his job at Watervliet, Mich., Paper Co. in 1967 as a result of his Seventh-day Adventist religious beliefs.

Hammond lives on Paw Paw avenue in Coloma. The Supreme court's denial of Hammond's petition left standing a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling upholding dismissal of Hammond by the Paper Co. because he refused to pay union dues.

Hammond also stated in his petition that he believes the payment of union dues "violated his freedom of choice to deal justly and impartially with all men, for use of which freedom he is accountable to God."

He had been with the company 10 years and was discharged on demand of the union because he wouldn't pay the dues. However, Hammond did offer to make periodic contributions to the American Red Cross in amounts equivalent to the union dues.

Traffic Stop Ends In Big 'Pot' Arrest

Berrien Deputies Arrest 4,
Seize \$5,650 Cash

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

When Berrien sheriff's deputies saw a car weaving on I-94 early Monday morning, they stopped the vehicle to investigate. The fairly routine traffic stop was culminated with the arrests of four persons and the confiscation of about 15 pounds of suspected marijuana and other alleged narcotics.

Inside the trunk and interior of the auto, deputies said, they found seven "bricks" of suspected marijuana, five plastic bags of the substance, a cigarette containing suspected grass, 33 white pills, 10 red capsules, and a brown leather bag containing \$5,650 cash.

According to deputies, the four arrested persons, two men and two women, were:

Carl E. Cobb, Jr., 21, of 2153 Ruth street, Benton township, who pleaded innocent and requested a jury trial on a charge of possession of marijuana. Bond of \$2,000 was posted.

Cobb's wife, Carolyn, 19, same address, who pleaded innocent to a charge of use of barbituric acid and requested a jury trial. Mrs. Cobb met bond of \$1,000.

Frances A. Stafford, 22, of Kansas City, Kansas, who was charged with intent to deliver marijuana. She was not arraigned yesterday because she had been taken to Berrien General hospital, deputies said. Officers said the Stafford woman was drowsy and her eyes were glassy at the time of her arrest. She was listed in "satisfactory" condition this morning.

James R. Talley, 25, of Los Angeles, Cal., who was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Investigating the case were Deputies Larry Eichelberger, Dan Russell, and Jack Knuth. They gave this account:

At about 4 a.m. a car was observed swerving back and forth on I-94 near the Niles avenue overpass in St. Joseph township.

The auto was stopped and the driver arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

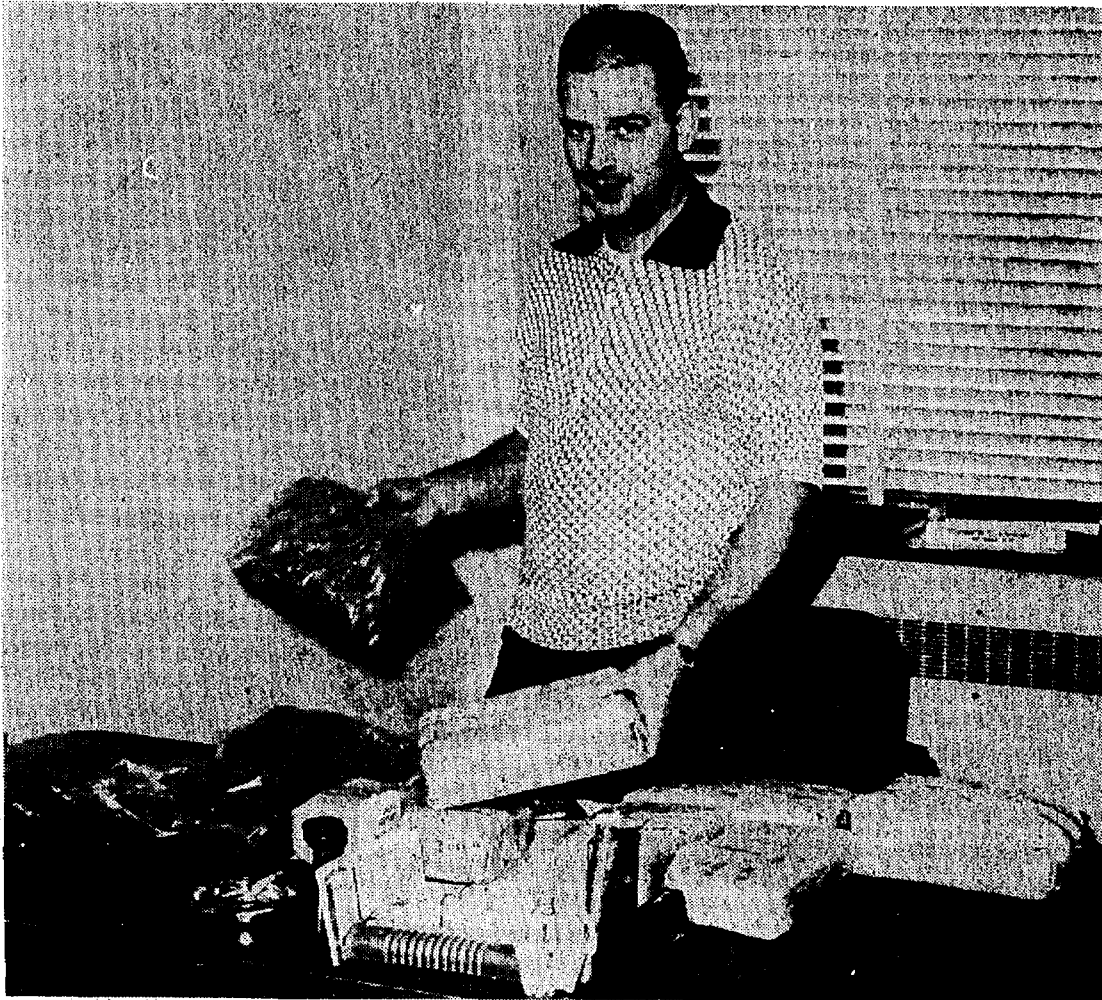
Police said another man in the car was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana when officers saw a cigarette on his clothing.

The two women were allowed to go on their way, but officers then received a tip from Sgt. James Swisher of Coloma township police to be on the lookout for narcotics.

Deputies again stopped the car on eastbound I-94 after it was seen swerving, and on approaching the auto, saw five capsules in the car.

The driver of the vehicle gave her permission to search the car, and the suspected narcotics were discovered, deputies reported.

Portions of the confiscated goods were sent to various drug labs for analysis, deputies said.



SUSPECTED MARIJUANA: Berrien sheriff's Deputy Larry Eichelberger displays part of nearly 15 pounds of alleged marijuana confiscated when officers stopped a car on I-94. In addition to seven "bricks" and five

plastic bags of suspected grass, a number of pills and leather bag containing \$5,650 cash were confiscated. Officers estimated suspected marijuana could bring about \$4,000 if sold on the street. (Staff photo)

Results Of Reading Tests Jolt Paw Paw Schoolmen

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Correspondent
PAW PAW — School board members here were jolted last night by the result of a September, 1971, reading evaluation of fifth graders in which it was determined that 68

per cent of those tested were below their grade level in ability.

The same group was tested in May, 1972, and 61 per cent still ranked below their grade level in reading achievement, according to Richard Brill,

middle school principal.

Brill, who became middle school principal this September, released the information during the monthly school board meeting.

He gave his personal support to major changes at the middle school level, including a switch to team teaching methods, an ungraded student body, more flexible scheduling, and a new facility that would lend itself to team teaching.

The biggest obstacle to such a major change, Brill said, would be the community preference for tradition and the status quo.

Of the reading tests, Brill said they were part of a survey by a district reading specialist. He said there was no comparable I.Q. testing of the students who took the test.

Brill told the board members that with the present textbooks and teaching methods roughly 30 per cent of the students are maintaining their grade level in achievement. He said 25 per cent are bored and another 45 per cent are frustrated and baffled.

Part of the problem, he said, can be traced to the students themselves.

"We have the same problems in the rural community as in the inner city—youth from low economic homes."

The board took Brill's proposal for a vastly changed middle school under consideration, along with a community committee study of what is called the "45-15" school year plan.

Included in other alternatives mentioned by the board

Cass Murder Trial Date Is Canceled

Suspect's Psychiatric
Exam Not Complete

CASSOPOLIS — The Nov. 27 trial date for Robert Otto Bryan, 36, of St. Louis, Mo., accused of murdering a young Cass county couple has been canceled.

Circuit Judge James Hoff said this morning that doctors at the Forensic Psychiatric center in Ann Arbor have advised him that they have not completed their examination of Bryan and do not expect to do so until sometime next month.

In announcing cancellation of the trial date at this time, Judge Hoff said before a new date is set a hearing would have to be held to determine whether he is competent mentally to stand trial.

Bryan previously has been granted a change of venue if and when he goes to trial. Location of the trial has not been disclosed.

Trial originally was set for Oct. 30 but was changed to Nov. 27 after it was determined that additional psychiatric testing was necessary.

Through his court-appointed attorney, Jerry O'Connor, Bryan has entered a plea of innocent by reason of insanity to two counts of first degree murder in the stabbing deaths of Tim and Arlene Roderick of Pokagon road and manslaughter in the death of their unborn baby girl.

The Rodericks were found murdered in their home April 27, 1972.

Three Delinquent ADC Fathers Get Probation

Three fathers owing a total of \$11,272 for children on welfare in Berrien county have received two-year probation sentences and been ordered to make wage assignments by Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns.

Harry Mantei, of 1132 Pearl street, St. Joseph, drew the probation sentence after being found in contempt of court for a support arrearage of \$5,950. He was ordered to spend 60-90 days in a rehabilitation program and then find employment and begin weekly support payments for one child on ADC.

John Jordan, of 303 High street, Benton Harbor, also drew probation after being found in contempt of court for a support arrearage of \$3,738. He was given 30 days to find a job or face a 30-day jail sentence and to execute a wage assignment of \$54 in weekly support payments and \$2 a week on the arrearage for six children on ADC.

Lorenzo Bridgman, of 800 LaSalle avenue, Benton Harbor, was found in contempt of court for a support arrearage of \$1,584. He drew the two-year probation period and was ordered to make a wage assignment of \$10 weekly and \$5 on the arrears for one child on ADC, George Westfield, Berrien friend of court, reported.

Berrien Supervisor Post Goes From Father To Son

BERRIEN CENTER — Lowell Bruce, 33, assumed duties as Berrien township's supervisor last night from his dad, F. W. Bruce.

Police Kill
Suspect, 20

DETROIT (AP) — A 20-year-old youth whom police said they spotted driving a stolen car Monday night was shot to death by two patrolmen when he attempted to flee.

Patrolmen Raymond Walczak and Thomas Smith said the youth disregarded their orders to halt and tried to make a getaway through backyards. He was shot in the head.

Identity of the youth was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The younger Bruce was elected unopposed to the office in the Nov. 7 election having defeated two challengers in a Republican party primary battle for the nomination in August.

The senior Bruce did not seek re-election. Other township officials elected to office also assumed duties of the new term during the regular township board meeting.

In other areas, the board approved paying \$2,722.38 to the Berrien county road commission for work on township roads last summer.

Included was grading, draining and graveling Lake road from Painter road to Pucker road, and sealcoating Wright and Franklin roads.

Ray Haines, building inspector, told the board owners of junk cars in the township have been cooperative when contacted about removing their

cars. Haines said he has contacted junk car owners by mail and in person.



LOWELL BRUCE
New Berrien Supervisor

Motion For Security In Libel Suit Denied

Judge Chester J. Byrns of Berrien circuit court Monday denied a motion by eight defendants in a \$90,000 libel suit to have the plaintiff put up financial security for court costs.

The motion was filed earlier this month by eight Republicans from New Buffalo township who are being sued by Valentine Strykowski, son-in-law of the Berrien county Democratic party chairman, James Keller.

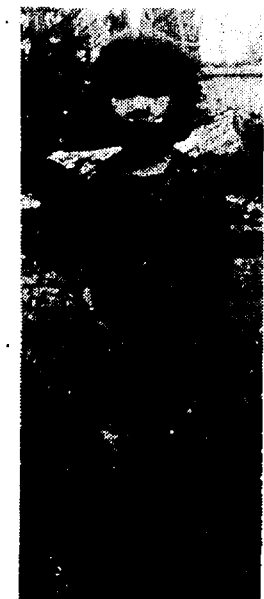
Judge Byrns said there wasn't enough information in the motion to rule on. No proof has been shown that Strykowski cannot pay court costs if the case is dismissed and no amount for court costs has been set forth, he said.

In their motion, the defendants contended

the suit is without merit and that they doubt the plaintiff would be able to pay costs awarded if a summary judgment dismissing the case is granted.

Strykowski filed suit in September claiming the defendants libeled him by inferring he had conspired to obtain tax favors.

Defendants are: Berrien County Commissioner Edward Grieger; former New Buffalo township Supervisor Raymond Valvoda and his wife; George H. Behrends, chairman of the United Republicans of Michigan and his wife; and Frances Prusa, Mack Kaminaki and Harold Wold, all candidates for township offices in the Nov. 7 election.



FOSTER CHILD: Air Force Sgt. Eugene E. Baker II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker, Coloma, is contributing \$16 monthly through Foster Parents Plan for this 4-year-old Vietnamese girl, Nguyen Dung Thi of Saigon. Baker, now stationed in Germany, served two years in Vietnam.